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Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the opening on the motion by Senator Raikes. Open for discussion on that motion. Senators Schrock, Kruse, and Stuhr. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'll be brief. And I was a "yes" vote on the last two overrides. Education is important. And as a farmer, if we don't fund our education...but as a farmer, if you eat your seed corn, you don't harvest much. And if we don't fund our education, we're not going to harvest a very good crop of students. And there's a lot of things in education that are important. And money is an integral part of it. And I think if you come from rural Nebraska...and it's probably true in the urban areas too. If you don't fund education, you're probably going to have more unhappy constituents than in any other area you have. And so this is one I think we really need to do. I don't like the property tax. I don't like the levy raising part of this. But I think under the circumstances, it's the best we could do. So I will stand with Senator Raikes, and I believe this needs to be done, and I urge your support.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I have very much appreciated the discussion this afternoon, all of it. It occurred to me, as I was reflecting upon it, that each of the other two bills had its folksy story to go with it...with them, but this one was still lacking. So I decided, in the sense of equity, to drag out Preacher Brown. Now, Preacher Brown is a real person. He came to Nebraska to help a congregation decide whether or not to vote to replace their building, which was falling down around their heads. He said he had a hound dog in Oklahoma that he took with him when he was hunting bear. And sure enough, a bear came up. And sure enough, the preacher shot at it. And sure enough, he missed, which aggravated the bear. And he didn't have a chance to get off another shot, so he and the dog thought it best to run. They couldn't run as fast as the bear. And so they came to a tree, and they both climbed up the tree to wait it out till the bear went away. At that point,